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ESTIMATES OF LABOR FORCE DATA [1/]

	Preliminary	Revised		Change From:		Percent Change From:	
	Mar 1985	Feb 1985	Mar 1984	Feb 1985	Mar 1984	Feb 1985	Mar 1984
NEBRASKA							
Civilian Labor Force	809,105	799,518	775,699	+29,587	+33,406	3.7	4.3
Employment	762,669	749,930	736,430	+12,739	+26,239	1.7	3.6
Unemployment	46,436	49,588	39,269	-3,152	7,169	-6.4	18.3
Unemployment Rate [2/]	5.7	6.2	5.1	0.5	0.6	--	--
OMAHA MSA [3/]							
Civilian Labor Force	304,807	305,187	289,980	-380	14,287	-0.1	4.9
Employment	287,180	286,588	275,064	-592	+12,116	-0.2	4.4
Unemployment	17,627	18,599	14,916	-972	+2,711	-0.5	18.2
Unemployment Rate [2/]	5.8	6.1	5.1	-0.3	0.7	--	--
LINCOLN MSA [4/]							
Civilian Labor Force	113,998	109,769	108,908	4,229	5,090	3.9	4.7
Employment	113,840	109,251	105,070	4,589	8,770	4.2	8.3
Unemployment	4,229	4,589	3,838	-360	391	-7.8	10.2
Unemployment Rate [2/]	3.7	4.0	3.5	-0.3	+0.2	--	--

1/ Estimates are based on March 198 benchmark, and all months are comparable.
2/ Ratios of unemployment to civilian labor force, based upon residence.
3/ Omaha MSA defined as Douglas, Washington, and Sarpy Counties in Nebraska and Pottawattamie County in Iowa.
4/ The Lincoln MSA defined as Lancaster County.

ESTIMATES OF NEBRASKA NONFARM EMPLOYMENT DATA **1
JOB COUNT - WORKERS BY INDUSTRY

INDUSTRY	MAR **2 1985	FEB **3 1985	MAR **3 1984	CHANGE FROM FEB 1985	CHANGE FROM MAR 1985	PERCENT CHANGE FROM MAR 1984
NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY	637,329	631,862	615,332	+5,467	+21,997	+3.6
MANUFACTURING	88,578	88,570	87,725	+8	+853	+1.0
DURABLE GOODS	44,867	44,992	45,228	-125	-361	-.8
CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL	4,265	4,151	4,252	+114	+13	+.3
LUMBER & WOOD PRODUCTS, EXCEPT FURNITURE	1,725	1,709	1,789	+16	-64	-3.6
STONE, CLAY, GLASS & CONCRETE PRODUCTS	2,540	2,442	2,463	+98	+77	+3.1
FURNITURE AND FIXTURES	1,683	1,674	1,690	+9	-7	-.4
METALS	7,831	7,961	8,045	-130	-214	-2.7
PRIMARY METAL INDUSTRIES	1,552	1,554	1,533	-2	+19	+1.2
FABRICATED METAL PROD., EXCEPT MACH. & TRANSP. EQUIP.	6,279	6,407	6,512	-128	-233	-3.6
MACHINERY EXCEPT ELECTRICAL	11,797	11,870	11,985	-73	-188	-1.6
FARM MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT	5,850	5,853	6,026	-3	-176	-2.9
ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONIC MACHINERY, EQUIP. & SUPPLIES	9,849	9,774	9,254	+75	+595	+6.4
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT	4,530	4,503	4,900	+27	-370	-7.6
OTHER DURABLE GOODS (INCLUDING INSTRUMENTS, TOYS & SPORTING GOODS, COSTUME JEWELRY & NOTIONS, ETC.)	4,912	5,059	5,102	-147	-190	-3.7
NONDURABLE GOODS	43,711	43,578	42,497	+133	+1,214	+2.9
FOOD & KINDRED PRODUCTS	24,870	24,738	24,052	+132	+818	+3.4
MEAT PRODUCTS	13,487	13,374	12,728	+113	+759	+6.0
DAIRY PRODUCTS	1,524	1,534	1,442	-10	+82	+5.7
GRAIN MILL	3,959	3,959	3,984	+0	-25	-.6
OTHER FOOD PROD. (INCL. CANNED & PRESERVED PROD., BAKERY PROD., SUGAR & CONFECT. PROD., BEVERAGES, ETC.)	5,900	5,871	5,898	+29	+2	+.0
TEXTILE PRODUCTS & APPAREL	1,868	1,811	1,804	+57	+64	+3.5
PRINTING, PUBLISHING & ALLIED INDUSTRIES	7,537	7,629	7,445	-92	+92	+1.2
CHEMICALS & ALLIED PRODUCTS	2,751	2,670	2,562	+81	+189	+7.4
OTHER NONDURABLE GOODS (INCLUDING RUBBER & MISCELLANEOUS PLASTICS, PAPER & ALLIED PRODUCTS, ETC.)	6,685	6,730	6,634	-45	+51	+.8
NONMANUFACTURING	548,751	543,292	527,607	+5,459	+21,144	+4.0
MINING	1,617	1,443	1,576	+174	+41	+2.6
CONSTRUCTION	21,374	19,779	20,077	+1,595	+1,297	+6.5
BUILDING CONST. - GEN. CONT. & OPERATIVE BUILDERS	6,072	5,637	5,541	+435	+531	+9.6
CONSTRUCTION OTHER THAN BLDG. CONST. - GEN. CONTRACTORS	2,901	2,435	2,927	+466	-26	-.9
CONSTRUCTION - SPECIAL TRADE CONTRACTORS	12,401	11,707	11,609	+694	+792	+6.8
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION AND UTILITIES	42,154	42,119	42,307	+35	-153	-.4
RAILROAD TRANSPORTATION	11,512	11,589	11,914	-77	-402	-3.4
OTHER TRANSPORTATION (INCLUDING BUSES AND TAXICABS, MOTOR FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION & WAREHOUSING, ETC.)	15,654	15,544	14,763	+110	+891	+6.0
COMMUNICATION & ELECTRIC, GAS & SANITARY SERVICES	14,988	14,986	15,630	+2	-642	-4.1
TRADE	160,823	159,202	157,371	+1,621	+3,452	+2.2

WHOLESALE	47,441	46,801	46,360	+640	+1,081	+2.3
DURABLE GOODS	22,012	21,734	22,223	+278	-211	-.9
NONDURABLE GOODS	25,429	25,067	24,137	+362	+1,292	+5.4
RETAIL	113,382	112,401	111,011	+981	+2,371	+2.1
BLDG. MAT., HARDWARE, GARDEN SUPPLY & MOBILE HOME DEALERS	4,912	4,724	5,037	+188	-125	-2.5
GENERAL MERCHANDISE STORES	15,049	14,937	14,571	+112	+478	+3.3
FOOD STORES	17,160	17,004	16,018	+156	+1,142	+7.1
AUTOMOTIVE DEALERS & GASOLINE SERVICE STATIONS	15,145	15,088	14,732	+57	+413	+2.8
APPAREL & ACCESSORY STORES	6,140	6,111	6,216	+29	-76	-1.2
FURNITURE, HOME FURNISHINGS & EQUIPMENT STORES	4,062	3,969	4,033	+93	+29	+.7
EATING & DRINKING PLACES	38,762	38,207	38,152	+555	+610	+1.6
MISCELLANEOUS RETAIL	12,152	12,361	12,252	-209	-100	-.8
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	44,089	43,950	42,447	+139	+1,642	+3.9
BANKING	11,120	11,082	10,971	+38	+149	+1.4
INSURANCE	21,445	21,391	20,330	+54	+1,115	+5.5
REAL ESTATE	3,941	3,942	3,876	-1	+65	+1.7
OTHER FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE (INCL. CREDIT AGENCIES OTHER THAN BANKS, SECURITY & COMMODITY EXCH. & SVCS., ETC.)	7,583	7,535	7,270	+48	+313	+4.3
SERVICES EXCEPT DOMESTIC	140,666	139,415	132,874	+1,251	+7,792	+5.9
HOTELS, ROOMING HOUSES, CAMPS & OTHER LODGING PLACES	7,708	7,539	7,138	+169	+570	+8.0
PERSONAL SERVICES	7,403	7,289	7,037	+114	+366	+5.2
BUSINESS SERVICES	30,165	29,720	24,003	+445	+6,162	+25.7
AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR, SERVICES & GARAGES	4,374	4,338	4,248	+36	+126	+3.0
AMUSEMENT & RECREATION	5,915	5,874	5,420	+41	+495	+9.1
HEALTH SERVICES	46,383	46,259	46,270	+124	+113	+.2
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	10,172	10,272	10,315	-100	-143	-1.4
SOCIAL SERVICES	7,010	6,865	6,861	+145	+149	+2.2
MEMBERSHIP SERVICES	9,352	9,312	9,463	+40	-111	-1.2
OTHER SERVICES (INCLUDING LEGAL & OTHER PROF. SERVICES, MISC. REPAIR SERVICES, AGRICULTURAL SERVICES, ETC.)	12,184	11,947	12,119	+237	+65	+.5
GOVERNMENT	138,028	137,384	130,955	+644	+7,073	+5.4
FEDERAL	16,857	16,747	16,400	+110	+457	+2.8
STATE	34,838	34,926	33,252	-88	+1,586	+4.8
LOCAL	86,333	85,711	81,303	+622	+5,030	+6.2

**1 SOURCE OF DATA- CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS PROGRAM. ESTIMATES ARE BASED ON THE MARCH 1984 BENCHMARK, AND ALL MONTHS ARE COMPARABLE.
**2 PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES.
**3 REVISED.

NEBRASKA MONTHLY REPORT ON LABOR FORCE AND UNEMPLOYMENT*1 04/26/85

AREA NAME	YR/MO	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	CPS EMPLOYMENT	CPS UNEMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE *2
STATEWIDE	85 02	799,518	749,930	49,588	6.2
	85 03	809,105	762,669	46,436	5.7
ADAMS	85 02	15,704	14,858	846	5.4
	85 03	15,910	15,111	799	5.0
ANTELOPE	85 02	3,859	3,658	201	5.2
	85 03	4,032	3,830	202	5.0
ARTHUR	85 02	231	227	4	1.7
	85 03	245	240	5	2.0
BANNER	85 02	317	295	22	6.9
	85 03	359	324	35	9.7
BLAINE	85 02	348	316	32	9.2
	85 03	355	336	19	5.4
BOONE	85 02	3,925	3,596	329	8.4
	85 03	4,135	3,814	321	7.8
BOX BUTTE	85 02	7,292	6,966	326	4.5
	85 03	7,379	7,063	316	4.3
BOYD	85 02	1,522	1,414	108	7.1
	85 03	1,599	1,494	105	6.6
BROWN	85 02	1,911	1,760	151	7.9
	85 03	1,978	1,828	150	7.6
BUFFALO	85 02	21,392	20,072	1,320	6.2
	85 03	21,625	20,436	1,189	5.5
BURT	85 02	4,030	3,674	356	8.8
	85 03	4,272	3,835	437	10.2
BUTLER	85 02	4,164	3,870	294	7.1
	85 03	4,322	4,032	290	6.7
CASS	85 02	8,353	7,607	746	8.9
	85 03	8,482	7,802	680	8.0
CEDAR	85 02	4,855	4,482	373	7.7
	85 03	5,118	4,729	389	7.6
CHASE	85 02	2,263	2,173	90	4.0
	85 03	2,330	2,260	70	3.0
CHERRY	85 02	3,026	2,822	204	6.7
	85 03	3,178	2,986	192	6.0
CHEYENNE	85 02	4,610	4,417	193	4.2
	85 03	4,715	4,550	165	3.5
CLAY	85 02	3,924	3,701	223	5.7
	85 03	4,050	3,815	235	5.8
COLFAX	85 02	5,151	4,792	359	7.0
	85 03	5,283	4,968	315	6.0
CUMING	85 02	5,884	5,517	367	6.2
	85 03	6,089	5,768	321	5.3
CUSTER	85 02	5,761	5,298	463	8.0
	85 03	5,955	5,555	400	6.7
DAKOTA	85 02	7,917	7,211	706	8.9
	85 03	8,081	7,245	836	10.3
DAWES	85 02	4,540	4,315	225	5.0
	85 03	4,597	4,378	219	4.8
DAWSON	85 02	11,304	10,505	799	7.1
	85 03	11,462	10,748	714	6.2
DEUEL	85 02	940	890	50	5.3
	85 03	978	927	51	5.2

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AREA NAME	YR/MO	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	CPS EMPLOYMENT	CPS UNEMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE *2
DIXON	85 02	3,812	3,583	229	6.0
	85 03	3,989	3,718	271	6.8
DODGE	85 02	18,743	17,408	1,335	7.1
	85 03	19,000	17,762	1,238	6.5
DOUGLAS	85 02	207,770	194,476	13,294	6.4
	85 03	207,349	194,879	12,470	6.0
OMAHA CITY	85 02	162,567	151,078	11,489	7.1
	85 03	162,168	151,391	10,777	6.6
DUNDY	85 02	1,188	1,138	50	4.2
	85 03	1,231	1,188	43	3.5
FILLMORE	85 02	3,677	3,401	276	7.5
	85 03	3,756	3,556	200	5.3
FRANKLIN	85 02	1,924	1,826	98	5.1
	85 03	1,995	1,914	81	4.1
FRONTIER	85 02	1,810	1,712	98	5.4
	85 03	1,880	1,807	73	3.9
FURNAS	85 02	2,821	2,646	175	6.2
	85 03	2,936	2,750	186	6.3
GAGE	85 02	10,954	10,128	826	7.5
	85 03	11,121	10,393	728	6.5
GARDEN	85 02	1,306	1,259	47	3.6
	85 03	1,351	1,319	32	2.4
GARFIELD	85 02	1,716	1,539	177	10.3
	85 03	1,708	1,587	121	7.1
GOSPER	85 02	986	929	57	5.8
	85 03	1,043	976	67	6.4
GRANT	85 02	402	378	24	6.0
	85 03	419	395	24	5.7
GREELEY	85 02	1,473	1,366	107	7.3
	85 03	1,550	1,441	109	7.0
HALL	85 02	25,443	23,563	1,880	7.4
	85 03	25,807	23,939	1,868	7.2
HAMILTON	85 02	3,918	3,677	241	6.2
	85 03	4,076	3,828	248	6.1
HARLAN	85 02	2,461	2,324	137	5.6
	85 03	2,513	2,401	112	4.5
HAYES	85 02	533	507	26	4.9
	85 03	557	537	20	3.6
HITCHCOCK	85 02	1,503	1,411	92	6.1
	85 03	1,578	1,478	100	6.3
HOLT	85 02	5,601	5,041	560	10.0
	85 03	5,835	5,276	559	9.6
HOOKER	85 02	453	418	35	7.7
	85 03	456	433	23	5.0
HOWARD	85 02	2,774	2,472	302	10.9
	85 03	2,883	2,589	294	10.2
JEFFERSON	85 02	4,777	4,408	369	7.7
	85 03	4,832	4,563	269	5.6
JOHNSON	85 02	2,364	2,138	226	9.6
	85 03	2,466	2,239	227	9.2
KEARNEY	85 02	3,316	3,184	132	4.0
	85 03	3,416	3,299	117	3.4

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AREA NAME	YR/MO	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	CPS EMPLOYMENT	CPS UNEMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE *2
KEITH	85 02	4,899	4,588	311	6.3
	85 03	4,983	4,686	297	6.0
KEYA PAHA	85 02	432	407	25	5.8
	85 03	460	434	26	5.7
KIMBALL	85 02	2,743	2,646	97	3.5
	85 03	2,798	2,726	72	2.6
KNOX	85 02	4,873	4,327	546	11.2
	85 03	5,084	4,552	532	10.5
LINCOLN MSA *3	85 02	113,840	109,251	4,589	4.0
	85 03	113,998	109,769	4,229	3.7
LINCOLN CITY	85 02	102,503	98,298	4,205	4.1
	85 03	102,639	98,764	3,875	3.8
LINCOLN CNTY	85 02	16,384	14,900	1,484	9.1
	85 03	16,475	15,168	1,307	7.9
LOGAN	85 02	491	473	18	3.7
	85 03	509	493	16	3.1
LOUP	85 02	324	230	94	29.0
	85 03	336	246	90	26.8
MCPHERSON	85 02	113	106	7	6.2
	85 03	140	116	24	17.1
MADISON	85 02	17,846	16,681	1,165	6.5
	85 03	18,093	17,008	1,085	6.0
MERRICK	85 02	3,421	3,103	318	9.3
	85 03	3,547	3,237	310	8.7
MORRILL	85 02	2,230	1,994	236	10.6
	85 03	2,369	2,057	312	13.2
NANCE	85 02	1,903	1,705	198	10.4
	85 03	1,969	1,784	185	9.4
NEMAHA	85 02	3,476	3,258	218	6.3
	85 03	3,585	3,364	221	6.2
NUCKOLLS	85 02	3,269	3,087	182	5.6
	85 03	3,371	3,209	162	4.8
OTOE	85 02	7,099	6,619	480	6.8
	85 03	7,224	6,808	416	5.8
PAWNEE	85 02	1,566	1,448	118	7.5
	85 03	1,632	1,525	107	6.6
PERKINS	85 02	1,650	1,599	51	3.1
	85 03	1,712	1,669	43	2.5
PHELPS	85 02	4,400	4,189	211	4.8
	85 03	4,524	4,319	205	4.5
PIERCE	85 02	3,819	3,515	304	8.0
	85 03	3,957	3,686	271	6.8
PLATTE	85 02	16,791	15,493	1,298	7.7
	85 03	16,928	15,756	1,172	6.9
POLK	85 02	2,930	2,777	153	5.2
	85 03	3,029	2,897	132	4.4
RED WILLOW	85 02	5,302	4,896	406	7.7
	85 03	5,375	5,016	359	6.7
RICHARDSON	85 02	4,485	4,076	409	9.1
	85 03	4,614	4,237	377	8.2
ROCK	85 02	1,240	1,186	54	4.4
	85 03	1,279	1,230	49	3.8

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AREA NAME	YR/MO	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	CPS EMPLOYMENT	CPS UNEMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE *2
SALINE	85 02	6,529	6,286	243	3.7
	85 03	6,648	6,440	208	3.1
SARPY	85 02	45,420	44,102	1,318	2.9
	85 03	45,325	44,194	1,131	2.5
SAUNDERS	85 02	8,012	7,401	611	7.6
	85 03	8,256	7,681	575	7.0
SCOTTS BLUFF	85 02	18,798	16,923	1,875	10.0
	85 03	19,209	17,308	1,901	9.9
SEWARD	85 02	6,847	6,521	326	4.8
	85 03	6,977	6,711	266	3.8
SHERIDAN	85 02	3,204	3,079	125	3.9
	85 03	3,316	3,199	117	3.5
SHERMAN	85 02	2,321	2,162	159	6.9
	85 03	2,382	2,251	131	5.5
SIOUX	85 02	635	620	15	2.4
	85 03	681	673	8	1.2
STANTON	85 02	3,842	3,691	151	3.9
	85 03	3,935	3,796	139	3.5
THAYER	85 02	3,173	3,005	168	5.3
	85 03	3,256	3,132	124	3.8
THOMAS	85 02	477	423	54	11.3
	85 03	488	435	53	10.9
THURSTON	85 02	3,290	2,938	352	10.7
	85 03	3,402	3,042	360	10.6
VALLEY	85 02	3,039	2,679	360	11.8
	85 03	3,095	2,794	301	9.7
WASHINGTON	85 02	8,204	7,617	587	7.2
	85 03	8,170	7,633	537	6.6
WAYNE	85 02	4,631	4,451	180	3.9
	85 03	4,792	4,619	173	3.6
WEBSTER	85 02	1,799	1,696	103	5.7
	85 03	1,881	1,780	101	5.4
WHEELER	85 02	406	389	17	4.2
	85 03	432	416	16	3.7
YORK	85 02	8,418	8,026	392	4.7
	85 03	8,593	8,234	359	4.2
OMAHA MSA *4	85 02	305,187	286,588	18,599	6.1
	85 03	304,807	287,180	17,627	5.8
OMAHA CONSOR*5	85 02	261,396	246,195	15,201	5.8
	85 03	260,844	246,706	14,138	5.4

*1 SOURCE OF DATA
LOCAL AREA UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS (LAUS) PROGRAM
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR - BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS.

*2 RATIOS OF UNEMPLOYMENT TO THE CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE.

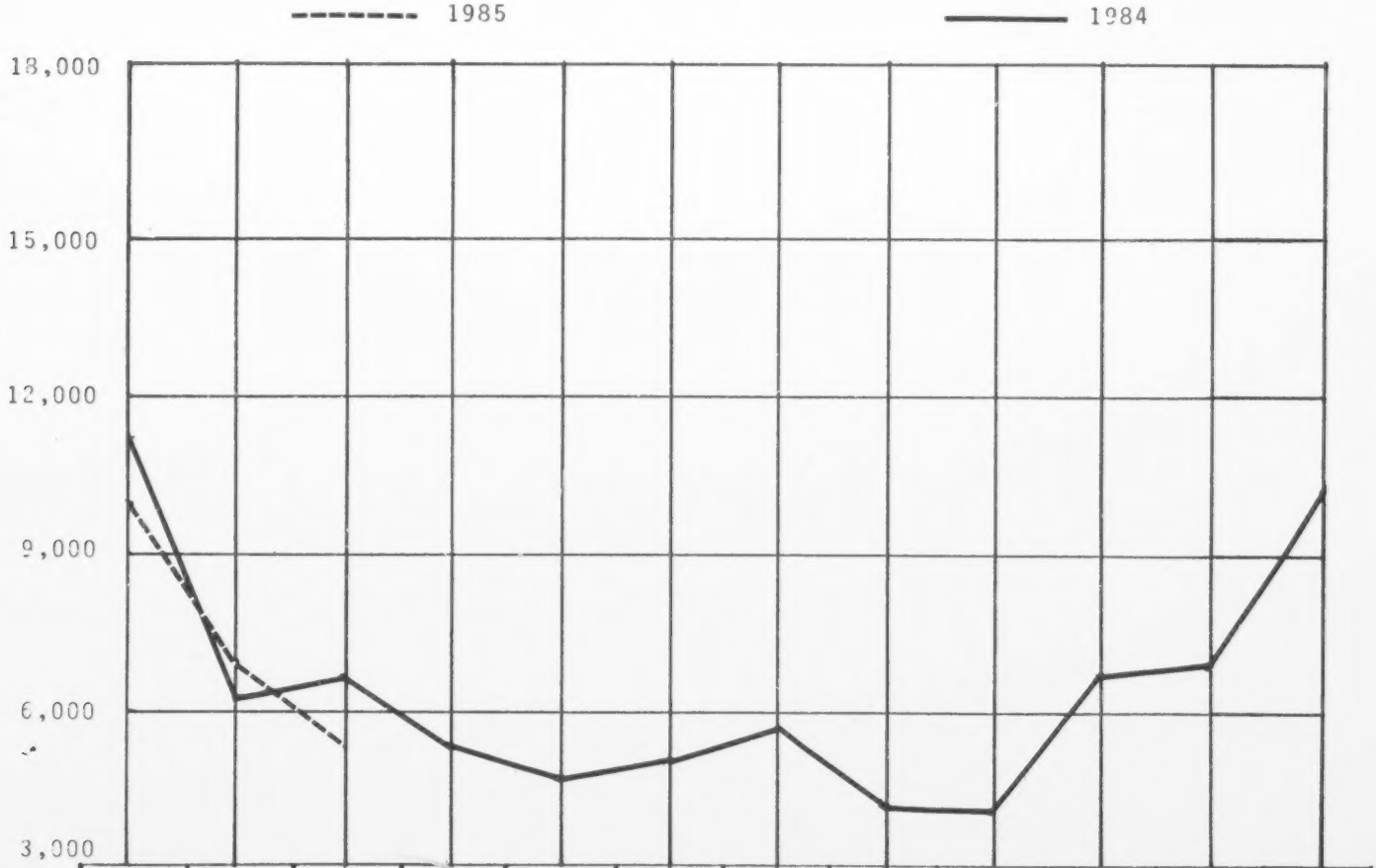
*3 LINCOLN MSA DEFINED AS LANCASTER COUNTY IN NEBRASKA.

*4 OMAHA MSA DEFINED AS DOUGLAS, SARPY, AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES IN NEBRASKA AND POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY IN IOWA

*5 OMAHA CONSORTIUM DEFINED AS DOUGLAS, SARPY, AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES IN NEBRASKA (THE NEBRASKA PORTION OF THE OMAHA MSA).

STATE SUMMARY OF INITIAL CLAIMS 1/
BY MONTH

Unemployment Insurance Only
(Excludes Compensation for Federal Employees and Ex-Servicemen)



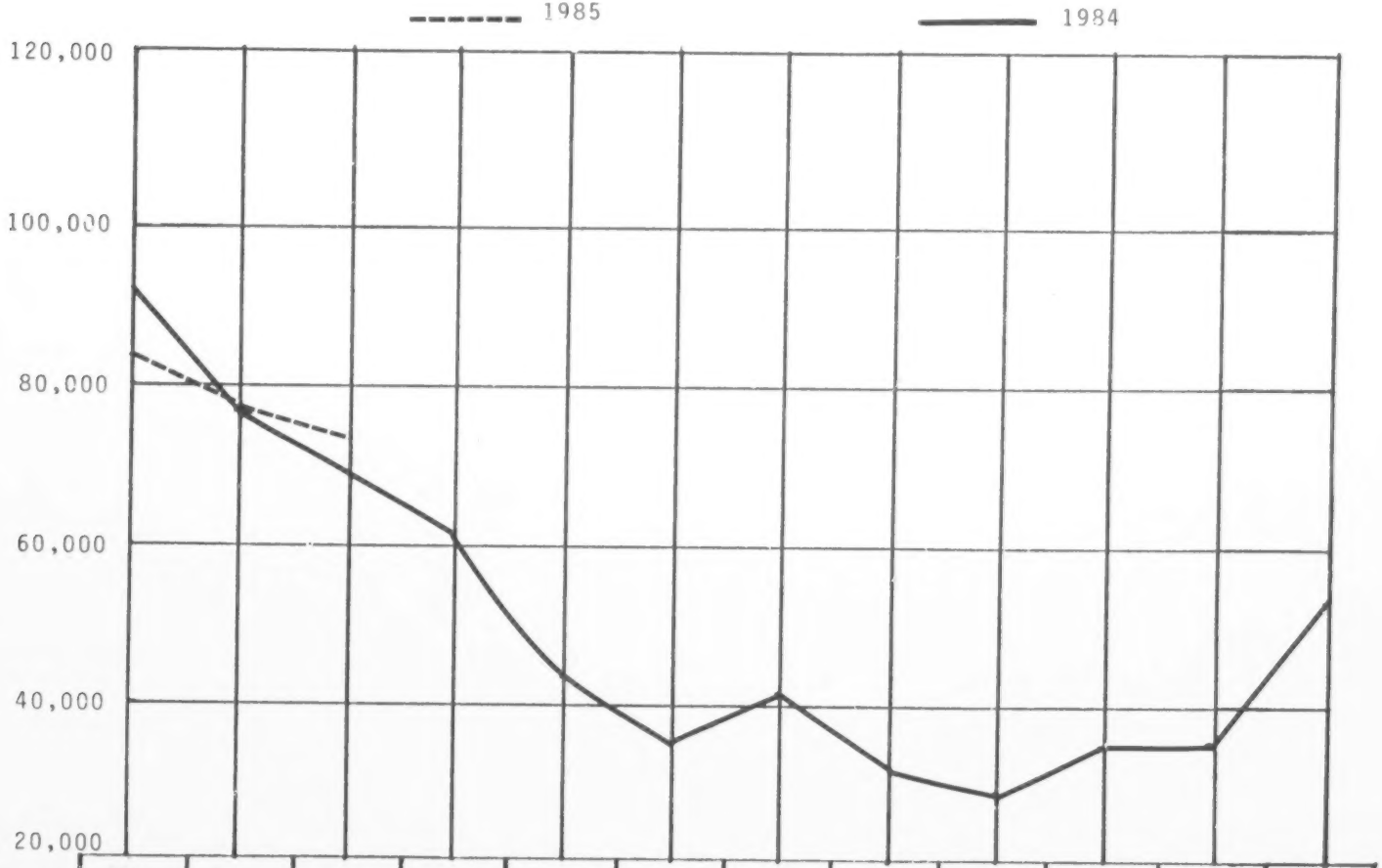
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
1984	11,309	6,141	6,301	5,442	4,774	5,109	5,461	4,251	3,847	6,672	7,087	10,378
1985	10,297	7,305	5,646									

1/ Source of data: Claims and Payment Activities. (ES-159)

STATE SUMMARY OF CONTINUED CLAIMS 1/

BY MONTH

Unemployment Insurance Only
(Excludes Compensation for Federal Employees and Ex-Servicemen)



	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
1984	92,292	77,133	69,258	60,660	43,800	35,036	41,152	33,083	27,849	35,518	35,507	52,962
1985	81,644	77,917	73,541									

1/ Source of data: Claims and Payment Activities. (ES-159)

ESTIMATES OF HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING 1/

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			CHANGE FROM:		AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			CHANGE FROM:		AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			CHANGE FROM	
	MAR 1985 2/	FEB 1985 3/	MAR 1984 3/	FEB 1985	MAR 1984	MAR 1985 2/	FEB 1985 3/	MAR 1984 3/	FEB 1985	MAR 1984	MAR 1985 2/	FEB 1985 3/	MAR 1984 3/	FEB 1985	MAR 1984
NEBRASKA															
MANUFACTURING - TOTAL	$355.02	$353.53	$359.64	$ 1.49	$- 4.62	$39.8	$39.5	$40.5	$ 0.3	$-0.7	$ 8.92	$ 8.95	$ 8.88	$-0.03	$ 0.04
Durable Goods	374.64	376.58	381.89	-1.94	- 7.25	40.9	40.8	41.6	0.1	-0.7	9.16	9.23	9.18	-0.07	-0.02
Machinery Except Electrical	435.21	447.03	448.38	-11.82	-13.17	44.5	45.2	45.8	-0.7	-1.3	9.78	9.89	9.79	-0.11	-0.01
Nondurable Goods	336.01	329.18	334.77	6.83	1.24	38.8	38.1	39.2	0.7	-0.4	8.66	8.64	8.54	0.02	0.12
Food & Kindred Prods.	346.80	338.77	351.12	8.03	- 4.32	40.0	39.3	39.9	0.7	0.1	8.67	8.62	8.80	0.05	-0.13
OMAHA MSA 4/															
MANUFACTURING - TOTAL	360.14	362.31	366.10	- 2.17	- 6.56	38.6	39.0	39.6	-0.4	-1.0	9.33	9.29	9.26	0.04	0.07
Durable Goods	376.27	382.59	415.52	- 6.32	-39.25	38.2	39.0	41.1	-0.8	-2.9	9.85	9.81	10.11	0.04	-0.26
Machinery Except Electrical	410.84	411.20	436.36	- 0.36	-25.52	40.2	40.0	44.3	0.2	-4.1	10.22	10.28	9.85	-0.06	0.37
Nondurable Goods	344.76	342.42	320.12	2.34	24.64	39.0	39.0	38.2	0.0	0.8	8.84	8.78	8.33	0.06	0.46
Food & Kindred Prods.	378.68	375.87	345.32	2.81	33.36	40.5	40.9	38.8	-0.4	1.7	9.35	9.19	8.90	0.16	0.45
LINCOLN MSA 5/															
MANUFACTURING - TOTAL	364.94	370.89	370.64	- 5.95	- 5.70	38.7	39.0	40.2	-0.3	-1.5	9.43	9.51	9.22	-0.08	0.21
Durable Goods	335.71	343.00	348.53	- 7.29	-12.82	38.9	39.2	40.2	-0.3	-1.3	8.63	8.75	8.67	-0.12	-0.04
Machinery Except Electrical	297.86	314.69	367.48	-16.83	-69.62	39.4	40.5	43.8	-1.1	-4.4	7.56	7.77	8.39	-0.21	-0.83
Nondurable Goods	393.09	398.48	394.54	- 5.39	- 1.45	38.5	38.8	40.3	-0.3	-1.8	10.21	10.27	9.79	-0.06	0.42
Food & Kindred Prods.	396.83	411.66	375.53	-14.83	21.81	43.8	44.6	44.6	-0.8	-0.8	9.06	9.23	8.42	-0.17	0.64

1/ Source of Data: Current Employment Statistics Program. 2/ Preliminary 3/ Revised

4/ Omaha MSA defined as Douglas, Sarpy, and Washington Counties in Nebraska and Pottawattamie County in Iowa.

5/ Lincoln MSA defined as Lancaster County.

NOTE: Estimates are based on the March 1984 Benchmark and all months are comparable.

ESTIMATES OF OMAHA MSA**1 NONFARM EMPLOYMENT DATA **2
JOB COUNT - WORKERS BY INDUSTRY

INDUSTRY	MAR **3 1985	FEB **4 1985	MAR **4 1984	CHANGE FROM FEB 1985	CHANGE FROM MAR 1985	PERCENT CHANGE FROM MAR 1984
NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY	278,102	277,034	272,308	+1,068	+5,794	+2.1
MANUFACTURING	35,688	35,865	36,194	-177	-506	-1.4
DURABLE GOODS	17,764	17,769	17,581	-5	+183	+1.0
CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL	958	913	1,028	+45	-70	-6.8
LUMBER & WOOD PRODUCTS, EXCEPT FURNITURE	260	263	312	-3	-52	-16.7
STONE, CLAY, GLASS & CONCRETE PRODUCTS	698	650	716	+48	-18	-2.5
FURNITURE AND FIXTURES	1,537	1,538	1,553	-1	-16	-1.0
METALS	2,590	2,668	2,871	-78	-281	-9.8
PRIMARY METAL INDUSTRIES	958	965	945	-7	+13	+1.4
FABRICATED METAL PROD., EXCEPT MACH. & TRANSP. EQUIP.	1,632	1,703	1,926	-71	-294	-15.3
MACHINERY EXCEPT ELECTRICAL	4,950	4,980	5,024	-30	-74	-1.5
ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONIC MACHINERY, EQUIP. & SUPPLIES	5,469	5,403	4,894	+66	+575	+11.7
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT	961	884	973	+77	-12	-1.2
OTHER DURABLE GOODS (INCLUDING INSTRUMENTS, TOYS & SPORTING GOODS, COSTUME JEWELRY & NOTIONS, ETC.)	1,299	1,383	1,238	-84	+61	+4.9
NONDURABLE GOODS	17,924	18,096	18,613	-172	-689	-3.7
FOOD & KINDRED PRODUCTS	10,122	10,220	10,710	-98	-588	-5.5
MEAT PRODUCTS	4,061	4,182	4,387	-121	-326	-7.4
DAIRY PRODUCTS	451	449	387	+2	+64	+16.5
GRAIN MILL	1,848	1,840	1,758	+8	+90	+5.1
OTHER FOOD PROD. (INCL. CANNED & PRESERVED PROD., BAKERY PROD., SUGAR & CONFECT. PROD., BEVERAGES, ETC.)	3,762	3,749	4,178	+13	-416	-10.0
TEXTILE PRODUCTS & APPAREL	584	584	598	+0	-14	-2.3
PRINTING, PUBLISHING & ALLIED INDUSTRIES	3,598	3,664	3,606	-66	-8	-.2
CHEMICALS & ALLIED PRODUCTS	1,141	1,106	1,122	+35	+19	+1.7
OTHER NONDURABLE GOODS (INCLUDING RUBBER & MISCELLANEOUS PLASTICS, PAPER & ALLIED PRODUCTS, ETC.)	2,479	2,522	2,577	-43	-98	-3.8
NONMANUFACTURING	242,414	241,169	236,114	+1,245	+6,300	+2.7
MINING	269	258	246	+11	+23	+9.3
CONSTRUCTION	9,746	8,952	8,798	+794	+948	+10.8
BUILDING CONST. - GEN. CONT. & OPERATIVE BUILDERS	2,671	2,441	2,238	+230	+433	+19.3
CONSTRUCTION OTHER THAN BLDG. CONST. - GEN. CONTRACTORS	1,085	926	965	+159	+120	+12.4
CONSTRUCTION - SPECIAL TRADE CONTRACTORS	5,990	5,585	5,595	+405	+395	+7.1
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION AND UTILITIES	22,539	22,578	22,640	-39	-101	-.4
RAILROAD TRANSPORTATION	4,900	4,896	5,200	+4	-300	-5.8
OTHER TRANSPORTATION (INCLUDING BUSES AND TAXICABS, MOTOR FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION & WAREHOUSING, ETC.)	8,791	8,811	8,434	-20	+357	+4.2
COMMUNICATION & ELECTRIC, GAS & SANITARY SERVICES	8,848	8,871	9,006	-23	-158	-1.8
TRADE	69,931	69,419	68,914	+512	+1,017	+1.5
WHOLESALE	21,162	21,119	21,050	+43	+112	+.5

DURABLE GOODS	12,048	12,068	12,085	-20	-37	-.3
NONDURABLE GOODS	9,114	9,051	8,965	+63	+149	+1.7
RETAIL	48,769	48,300	47,864	+469	+905	+1.9
BLDG. MAT., HARDWARE, GARDEN SUPPLY & MOBILE HOME DEALERS	1,855	1,787	1,684	+68	+171	+10.2
GENERAL MERCHANDISE STORES	8,294	8,314	7,949	-20	+345	+4.3
FOOD STORES	6,522	6,427	6,621	+95	-99	-1.5
AUTOMOTIVE DEALERS & GASOLINE SERVICE STATIONS	5,086	5,065	5,006	+21	+80	+1.6
APPAREL & ACCESSORY STORES	2,502	2,442	2,458	+60	+44	+1.8
FURNITURE, HOME FURNISHINGS & EQUIPMENT STORES	1,971	1,928	1,902	+43	+69	+3.6
EATING & DRINKING PLACES	17,003	16,763	16,978	+240	+25	+.1
MISCELLANEOUS RETAIL	5,536	5,574	5,266	-38	+270	+5.1
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	25,738	25,738	24,805	+0	+933	+3.8
BANKING	4,335	4,314	4,145	+21	+190	+4.6
INSURANCE	15,185	15,201	14,449	-16	+736	+5.1
REAL ESTATE	2,432	2,447	2,453	-15	-21	-.9
OTHER FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE (INCL. CREDIT AGENCIES OTHER THAN BANKS, SECURITY & COMMODITY EXCH. & SVCS., ETC.)	3,786	3,776	3,758	+10	+28	+.7
SERVICES EXCEPT DOMESTIC	70,993	70,810	68,529	+183	+2,464	+3.6
HOTELS, ROOMING HOUSES, CAMPS & OTHER LODGING PLACES	2,882	2,760	2,798	+122	+84	+3.0
PERSONAL SERVICES	3,862	3,715	3,530	+147	+332	+9.4
BUSINESS SERVICES	19,421	19,767	17,028	-346	+2,393	+14.1
AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR, SERVICES & GARAGES	2,222	2,181	2,277	+41	-55	-2.4
AMUSEMENT & RECREATION	2,904	2,722	2,722	+182	+182	+6.7
HEALTH SERVICES	20,507	20,553	21,397	-46	-890	-4.2
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	5,566	5,661	5,465	-95	+101	+1.8
SOCIAL SERVICES	4,014	3,960	3,800	+54	+214	+5.6
MEMBERSHIP SERVICES	3,285	3,259	3,188	+26	+97	+3.0
OTHER SERVICES (INCLUDING LEGAL & OTHER PROF. SERVICES, MISC. REPAIR SERVICES, AGRICULTURAL SERVICES, ETC.)	6,330	6,232	6,324	+98	+6	+.1
GOVERNMENT	43,198	43,414	42,182	-216	+1,016	+2.4
FEDERAL	8,685	8,678	8,450	+7	+235	+2.8
STATE	8,569	8,787	8,699	-218	-130	-1.5
LOCAL	25,944	25,949	25,033	-5	+911	+3.6

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**3 PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES.
**4 REVISED.

ESTIMATES OF LINCOLN MSA**1 NONFARM EMPLOYMENT DATA **2
JOB COUNT - WORKERS BY INDUSTRY

INDUSTRY	MAR **3 1985	FEB **4 1985	MAR **4 1984	CHANGE FROM FEB 1985	CHANGE FROM MAR 1985	PERCENT CHANGE FROM MAR 1984
NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY	100,769	100,162	98,478	+607	+2,291	+2.3
MANUFACTURING	12,749	12,769	12,249	-20	+500	+4.1
DURABLE GOODS	6,272	6,260	6,093	+12	+179	+2.9
CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL	557	524	541	+33	+16	+3.0
LUMBER & WOOD PRODUCTS, EXCEPT FURNITURE	177	175	184	+2	-7	-3.8
STONE, CLAY, GLASS & CONCRETE PRODUCTS	380	349	357	+31	+23	+6.4
FURNITURE AND FIXTURES	41	41	41	+0	+0	+.0
METALS	836	824	825	+12	+11	+1.3
PRIMARY METAL INDUSTRIES	76	75	67	+1	+9	+13.4
FABRICATED METAL PROD., EXCEPT MACH. & TRANSP. EQUIP.	760	749	758	+11	+2	+.3
MACHINERY EXCEPT ELECTRICAL	1,121	1,151	951	-30	+170	+17.9
ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONIC MACHINERY, EQUIP. & SUPPLIES	1,617	1,592	1,636	+25	-19	-1.2
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT	1,577	1,604	1,597	-27	-20	-1.3
OTHER DURABLE GOODS (INCLUDING INSTRUMENTS, TOYS & SPORTING GOODS, COSTUME JEWELRY & NOTIONS, ETC.)	523	524	502	-1	+21	+4.2
NONDURABLE GOODS	6,477	6,509	6,156	-32	+321	+5.2
FOOD & KINDRED PRODUCTS	1,176	1,209	1,336	-33	-160	-12.0
TEXTILE PRODUCTS & APPAREL	**5	**5	**5			
PRINTING, PUBLISHING & ALLIED INDUSTRIES	1,777	1,777	1,635	+0	+142	+8.7
CHEMICALS & ALLIED PRODUCTS	1,190	1,190	988	+0	+202	+20.4
OTHER NONDURABLE GOODS (INCLUDING RUBBER & MISCELLANEOUS PLASTICS, PAPER & ALLIED PRODUCTS, ETC.)	**5	**5	**5			
NONMANUFACTURING	88,020	87,393	86,229	+627	+1,791	+2.1
MINING	**5	**5	**5			
CONSTRUCTION	3,531	3,256	3,150	+275	+381	+12.1
BUILDING CONST. - GEN. CONT. & OPERATIVE BUILDERS	874	850	755	+24	+119	+15.8
CONSTRUCTION OTHER THAN BLDG. CONST. - GEN. CONTRACTORS	453	355	396	+98	+57	+14.4
CONSTRUCTION - SPECIAL TRADE CONTRACTORS	2,204	2,051	1,999	+153	+205	+10.3
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION AND UTILITIES	6,147	6,188	6,289	-41	-142	-2.3
RAILROAD TRANSPORTATION	2,157	2,197	2,147	-40	+10	+.5
OTHER TRANSPORTATION (INCLUDING BUSES AND TAXICABS, MOTOR FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION & WAREHOUSING, ETC.)	1,238	1,222	1,189	+16	+49	+4.1
COMMUNICATION & ELECTRIC, GAS & SANITARY SERVICES	2,752	2,769	2,953	-17	-201	-6.8
TRADE	21,369	21,201	21,411	+168	-42	-.2
WHOLESALE	4,267	4,272	4,607	-5	-340	-7.4
DURABLE GOODS	2,392	2,360	2,575	+32	-183	-7.1
NONDURABLE GOODS	1,875	1,912	2,032	-37	-157	-7.7
RETAIL	17,102	16,929	16,804	+173	+298	+1.8
BLDG. MAT., HARDWARE, GARDEN SUPPLY & MOBILE HOME DEALERS	574	555	545	+19	+29	+5.3
GENERAL MERCHANDISE STORES	2,524	2,493	2,371	+31	+153	+6.5

FOOD STORES	2,103	2,045	2,086	+58	+17	+.8
AUTOMOTIVE DEALERS & GASOLINE SERVICE STATIONS	2,115	2,098	2,083	+17	+32	+1.5
APPAREL & ACCESSORY STORES	974	967	1,033	+7	-59	-5.7
FURNITURE, HOME FURNISHINGS & EQUIPMENT STORES	710	701	662	+9	+48	+7.3
EATING & DRINKING PLACES	6,255	6,193	6,053	+62	+202	+3.3
MISCELLANEOUS RETAIL	1,847	1,877	1,971	-30	-124	-6.3
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	7,491	7,434	7,109	+57	+382	+5.4
BANKING	1,355	1,344	1,347	+11	+8	+.6
INSURANCE	4,171	4,131	3,805	+40	+366	+9.6
REAL ESTATE	727	731	688	-4	+39	+5.7
OTHER FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE (INCL. CREDIT AGENCIES OTHER THAN BANKS, SECURITY & COMMODITY EXCH. & SVCS., ETC.)	1,238	1,228	1,269	+10	-31	-2.4
SERVICES EXCEPT DOMESTIC	20,285	20,249	19,567	+36	+718	+3.7
HOTELS, ROOMING HOUSES, CAMPS & OTHER LODGING PLACES	1,144	1,111	1,160	+33	-16	-1.4
PERSONAL SERVICES	1,175	1,184	1,098	-9	+77	+7.0
BUSINESS SERVICES	4,580	4,625	4,036	-45	+544	+13.5
AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR, SERVICES & GARAGES	603	596	580	+7	+23	+4.0
AMUSEMENT & RECREATION	674	681	697	-7	-23	-3.3
HEALTH SERVICES	5,958	5,932	5,943	+26	+15	+.3
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	1,199	1,205	1,354	-6	-155	-11.4
SOCIAL SERVICES	1,145	1,131	1,042	+14	+103	+9.9
MEMBERSHIP SERVICES	2,021	2,007	1,868	+14	+153	+8.2
OTHER SERVICES (INCLUDING LEGAL & OTHER PROF. SERVICES, MISC. REPAIR SERVICES, AGRICULTURAL SERVICES, ETC.)	1,786	1,777	1,789	+9	-3	-.2
GOVERNMENT	29,181	29,051	28,686	+130	+495	+1.7
FEDERAL	2,108	2,102	2,040	+6	+68	+3.3
STATE	16,683	16,557	16,562	+126	+121	+.7
LOCAL	10,390	10,392	10,084	-2	+306	+3.0

**1 LINCOLN MSA DEFINED AS LANCASTER COUNTY.
**2 SOURCE OF DATA- CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS PROGRAM. ESTIMATES ARE BASED ON THE MARCH 1984 BENCHMARK, AND ALL MONTHS ARE COMPARABLE.
**3 PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES.
**4 REVISED.
**5 DATA NOT AVAILABLE BECAUSE OF DISCLOSURE SUPPRESSION.

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 0.4 percent before seasonal adjustment in March to a level of 318.8 (1967=100), the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. For the 12-month period ended in March, the CPI-U has increased 3.7 percent.

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)--Seasonally Adjusted Changes

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI for All Urban Consumers rose 0.5 percent in March, following a 0.3 percent increase in February. A substantial increase in the transportation index, reflecting a sharp turnaround in gasoline prices, was primarily responsible for the more rapid advance in the March CPI. A larger increase in the medical care component than in February also contributed to the acceleration. On the other hand, the housing, apparel, and other goods and services components registered smaller increases in March than in the preceding month. The indexes for food and beverages and entertainment were unchanged.

Table A. Percent Changes in CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

Expenditure Category	Seasonally Adjusted								Unadjusted
	Changes from preceding month							Compound annual rate	12-months ended
	1984				1985			3-mos. ended	
	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Mar. '85	Mar. '85
All items	.4	.3	.2	.3	.2	.3	.5	4.1	3.7
Food and beverages	.1	.3	.2	.4	.2	.5	0	2.8	2.5
Housing	.5	.1	.2	.2	.1	.4	.3	3.3	4.0
Apparel and upkeep	.5	.7	-.1	-.1	0	.9	.5	5.9	3.3
Transportation	.3	.4	.2	.2	.3	-.1	1.3	6.1	3.2
Medical care	.4	.6	.4	.4	.3	.4	.8	6.6	5.9
Entertainment	.4	.3	.4	.6	.3	-.2	0	0.9	4.2
Other goods and services	.4	.4	.5	.3	.9	.6	.4	7.8	6.3

NOTE: Seasonally adjusted factors have been recalculated to reflect developments during 1984. For this reason, some of the seasonally adjusted figures above differ from those previously published.

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JOB TRAINING LABOR FORCE AND UNEMPLOYMENT REPORT

PLANNING DISTRICT	MO/YR	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	CPS EMPLOYMENT	CPS UNEMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
PANHANDLE REGION	03 85	47,752	44,524	3,228	6.8
	02 85	46,615	43,404	3,211	6.9
	03 84	46,042	43,287	2,755	6.0
MID-PLAINS REGION	03 85	56,997	53,381	3,616	6.3
	02 85	55,836	51,851	3,985	7.1
	03 84	53,969	51,011	2,958	5.5
CENTRAL REGION	03 85	113,380	106,287	7,093	6.3
	02 85	111,036	103,436	7,600	6.8
	03 84	106,668	100,881	5,787	5.4
SOUTHEAST REGION	03 85	80,537	75,933	4,604	5.7
	02 85	78,812	73,568	5,244	6.7
	03 84	78,411	73,633	4,778	6.1
NORTHEAST REGION	03 85	127,341	118,390	8,951	7.0
	02 85	123,974	114,825	9,149	7.4
	03 84	120,724	113,238	7,486	6.2

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SDA	MO/YR	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	CPS EMPLOYMENT	CPS UNEMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
OMAHA	03 85	260,844	246,706	14,138	5.4
	02 85	261,394	246,195	15,199	5.8
	03 84	255,971	242,876	13,095	5.1
LINCOLN	03 85	122,254	117,450	4,804	3.9
	02 85	121,852	116,652	5,200	4.3
	03 84	119,114	114,395	4,719	4.0
GREATER NEBRASKA	03 85	426,007	398,515	27,492	6.5
	02 85	416,273	387,084	29,189	7.0
	03 84	405,814	382,050	23,764	5.9
STATEWIDE TOTALS	03 85	809,105	762,671	46,434	5.7
	02 85	799,519	749,931	49,588	6.2
	03 84	780,899	739,321	41,578	5.3

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LINCOLN SDA = LANCASTER AND SAUNDERS COUNTIES
GREATER NEBRASKA = ALL OTHER NEBRASKA COUNTIES